



The Waikato Cathedral Church of St Peter
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*Marriage Services
in the Cathedral*

Getting Married in Church

We are glad that you are considering being married in church and at The Waikato Cathedral Church of St Peter. We are happy to share this special day with you and will make every effort to make you feel at home and to make your wedding day a joyous occasion.

This leaflet outlines most of what you need to know when considering marriage in a church. Weddings range from the simple, with just a few close friends and family, to the elaborate with a hundred or more guests.

Planning and organising the wedding day you want can take a lot of time and effort. As you plan the day, we are here to help you with planning the marriage service, which is the heart and foundation of the day and an expression of the lifelong commitment being entered into.

Marriages in Anglican churches are normally conducted by a minister from the parish, the officiating priest. Ministers from other Christian denominations, and other faiths, may be able to take part in services so long as they are willing to work with our clergy and follow the rules of our denomination.

The cathedral is used for a range of events, activities and services. Please talk to our administrator (admin@stpeter.org.nz | 07 839 4683) to find out when the cathedral is available. The date and time of your wedding can be booked once the deposit has been paid. Wedding and rehearsal dates can be confirmed at your meeting with the officiating priest.

Who can be married in church

In a church marriage service the Christian understanding of marriage is woven through every aspect of the service. The service includes an introduction, readings, prayers, and blessings for the couple and their wider families, all of which assume an active faith in Christ.

The rules of our denomination require that at least one person of the couple is baptised for a couple to be eligible for marriage in our church. As Anglicans, we recognise any Trinitarian baptism.

Marriage Licence

The marriage licence is obtained from the Registrar of Marriages. Application forms are available online or from the Registrar Office at the Hamilton District Court. The licence is valid for three months and we recommend that you make your application at least six weeks before the wedding, allowing time for it to be reissued if there are any mistakes on the form.

The officiating priest will need to receive your licence prior to the wedding, at the latest at the wedding rehearsal. We usually ask that the licence is emailed.

Services

The church offers a choice of three different services, which can be found on the Anglican prayer book website (<https://anglicanprayerbook.nz/>).

The officiating priest will work through the options with you to produce something special and authentic to you. The first order is a traditional service, the second is a contemporary service, and the third is a more flexible option that allows you to choose between two options for each part of the service or use the equivalent part from either of the first two orders of service.

If there are prayers, readings or music you would like to include in your service, discuss these with the priest, so that we can find the most appropriate way of including them.

Music

The church organists are pleased to play for your wedding if you wish. You will want music for the entry of the bride, during the signing of the register, and for the end as you leave as a newly married couple. We are flexible with music and can also play music through our sound system. We have an excellent pipe organ, a chamber concert organ, electronic keyboard, and facilities to play music direct from a digital source.

You may wish to sing some hymns or songs. The priest and the organist can help you with your choice, so please ask if you would like their assistance. You may also choose to use your own musicians.

Cathedral Bells

The cathedral has a working bell tower and a team of dedicated bell ringers. If you are getting married at a weekend, they may be available to ring the bells for your wedding.

Flowers and Decorations

You may choose to simply have the church flowers for your wedding, or you are very welcome to arrange your own personal florist to provide and arrange the floral arrangements for you.

Photography

Photography and videography that is unobtrusive is welcome. A church wedding is a special sacred service and act of worship. Any photography or videography should not detract from this. Professional photographers and videographers will be used to capturing the moment while also being unobtrusive. The officiating priest will be available to assist your photographer with what is appropriate.

Booking your wedding

In the first instance you may wish to have a look around the cathedral by joining us for Sunday worship, which is open to all, the 10am service also gives an opportunity to hear the organ being played. The cathedral is also open during the week in our office hours (9am – 3pm).

The cathedral is used for a range of music events and services. If you have a particular date you are considering, please talk to our administrator.

A booking form is included in this brochure.

Hall Hire

If you wish to hire the cathedral community centre hall as part of your wedding day, a separate hall hire agreement will be needed. This form will be completed with the hirer by our administrator.

We recommend that someone other than the bride and groom takes responsibility for the hall hire, so that you can relax and enjoy your day.

Building Seating Capacity

Cathedral 290

Cathedral Centre 100 seated

Further Enquiries – Contact

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